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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 13th; and at Newport for discipline, on second day morning the 14th of sixth month, 1852.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island—Rowland Greene, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, David Shove, Thomas Anthony, Timothy C. Collins, Edmund Chase and Samuel Boyd Tobey.

Salem—Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt, William Rogers, Jr. Daniel Page 3d, Samuel Boyce, Estes Newhall and Joshua Page.

Sandwich—Benjamin Potter, John W. Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, Charles R. Tucker, Joseph Wing, Heman Crocker, David Kelly and Moses F. Rogers.

Falmouth—Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, John W. Minot, Joshua Douglas, Jesse Crossman, Elisha Jones, Lemuel Jones, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones and Henry M. Minot.

Smithfield—Paul Aldrich, Smith Battey, John Osborne, John E. Fry and Edward Foster.

Vassalboro'—Elisha Jones, Samuel Foster, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Charles B. Cates, Joseph H. Pratt, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Edmund Cates and John Worth.

Dover—Lindley M. Hoag, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader and Isaiah Fry.

Fairfield—Reuben Jones, Alden Sampson, Allen Wing, Daniel Shepherd, Samuel Taylor, Jr. and David Douglas.

whose names being called, they were all present except two, for the absence of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Barker, from Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, North-Carolina; Harvey Derbyshire, from Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Charles Taber, from Farnham Monthly Meeting, Canada East; Seneca Hazard, from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Edith Griffith, from Westland Monthly Meeting, within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, Penn.; Elizabeth K. Irish, from Peru Monthly Meeting, held at Ausable, N. York; and of Eliza Brewer, from Leeds Monthly Meeting, Canada West, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Jonah Sands and his wife Sarah Sands, Elders of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Virginia; Joseph Newlin, of Marlboro' Monthly Meeting, North Carolina, companion to our friend Daniel Barker; Jesse Kenworthy, from Westland Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, companion to our friend Edith Griffith; David Gardner, of Leeds Monthly Meeting, in company with his wife, as companion to our friend Eliza Brewer; and of Paul Southwick, from Peru Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Charles Taber. Satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings were read.

The London printed Epistle for 1851 was read, and the excellent advice and doctrine contained therein were truly acceptable and edifying to us; and desiring that Friends generally within our limits may be profited by its perusal, and commending it to their careful attention, we appoint William C. Taber and George Howland, Jr., to cause 3,500 copies to be printed and distributed in the usual proportions among our several

Quarterly Meetings, and to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the cost.

We have received truly acceptable Epistles from our friends of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings, giving evidence of that brotherly love and unity which we highly value, and which should ever exist with those who are engaged in the promotion of the same Holy cause, and who look unto the one alone Head for direction and for strength.

The following friends are appointed to prepare, as way opens for it, and present at a future sitting, essays of communications to those several meetings, viz: Rowland Greene, John D. Lang, John Meader, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Caleb Jones, Tobias Meader, Newell Hoxie, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Lemuel Jones, Moses H. Beede, Richard Battey, Thomas Anthony, Joseph H. Cole, John E. Fry, John Osborne, David Rodman, Joseph Davis, Lindley M. Hoag, Joshua Page, Isaac R. Gifford, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Thomas Harkness, Benajah Buffum, Gilbert Congdon, Perez Peck and Alden Sampson.

We are again brought to the necessity of recording that we have received no Epistles from our friends of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings. This meeting is introduced into solemn and deep feeling in view of this painful fact, and the situation of friends, both within and beyond our limits, in relation to those two Yearly Meetings; and under a weighty sense of responsibility, and with living desires for right direction, we appoint the following friends to take the subject into solid and careful consideration, and seeking to know the mind of Truth therein, to report their judgment to a future sitting of this meeting, viz: Rowland Greene, John Meader, David Buffum, Thomas Jones, Allen Wing, Isaac Lawrence, Moses H. Beede, Thomas Anthony, Smith Battey, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Lemuel Gifford, Estes Newhall, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chase, Sthephen A. Chase, Isaac R. Gifford, Lindley M. Hoag, William C. Taber, William Tucker, Walter

Sawyer, Jonathan Dame, James Jones, Moses Taber, Joseph Taylor, Nathan Douglas, Benjamin Fry, Samuel Boyce, Charles Atherton, David Kelly, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Nathan Breed of Lynn, Thomas S. Gifford, Perez Peck, Tobias Meader and Stephen Dillingham.

By the accounts from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that *Rhode Island* has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lois Perry to the station of an Elder, and with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving of the public appearances in the ministry of Obadiah Chace ; that *Salem* has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth Challis to the station of an Elder ; that *Sandwich* has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Presbury Wing ; that *Vassalboro'* has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Jones and Peace Jones to the station of Elders—with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Taber to the same station, and with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the minstry of Theodate S. Pope ; that *Dover* has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah B. Roberts, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Moses Roberts to the station of an Elder—also with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Comfort Neal to the same station ; and that *Fairfield* Quarterly Meeting has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Partridge and Lois Beal to the station of Elders.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed to be paid to our Treasurer the amount of stock called for by this Meeting last year,—and William Reynolds, Micajah C. Pratt, George Howland, Jr., Oliver Pope, Samuel H. Colton, Tobias Meader, Edmund Cates and Alden Sampson, are appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives reported that they had consulted together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by this meeting, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Lydia H. Stanley, from Redstone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, as companion of our friend, Edith Griffith, and of Persis Gardner, from Leeds Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend, Eliza Brewer, satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were read.

The Records of this Meeting for the past year, were now read.

The Annual Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School was laid before us, and the several important propositions contained in it, received the deliberate attention of this Meeting, and it is concluded that agreeably to the proposal of the Committe, the School shall continue to be vacated during the present summer term, and in order to obtain the necessary funds for making the repairs and improvements referred to in the Report, this Meeting recommends that Friends generally, in our several Meetings enter into free and voluntary subscriptions, contributing according to their means and freedom, and not withholding their mite, however small may be the amount that some individuals may feel able to give—and believing that the object will be promoted by entering into a subscription at the present time, we appoint the following Committee to call upon Friends now in attendance of this Meeting for their contributions and report at a future sitting, viz :—Joseph C. Peckham, Charles W. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, George Bowen, Micajah C. Pratt, Joseph S. Nichols, David Rodman, Edward W. Howland, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Dillingham, Matthew Howland, Henry M. Minot, Jesse Crosman, Oliver Pope, Samuel H. Colton, John E. Fry, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Fry, Alton Pope, Samuel Foster, Charles B. Cates, Amos D. Purington, Isaiah Fry, Edward G.

Hoag, Moses Winslow, Alden Sampson, Moses Bailey and Charles Bailey.

The Report of the School Committee is approved and adopted, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of it to our several Subordinate Meetings. It is as follows, viz :—

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee for the superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, report, that the objects of their appointment have received their attention. Meetings of the Committee have been held at the school-house monthly, and the schools have been visited in the intervals of these meetings by members of the Committee deputed to that service. The semi-annual examinations at the close of each term have also been attended by the Committee.

The deportment of the scholars, with few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the school.

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been that of enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an English education—correct reading, spelling, and writing a good hand ; while more advanced studies, including the Latin, Greek and French languages, mathematics, &c., have been regularly taught.

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by school education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the school ; and much labor has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote conformity to our well-known and consistent practice in relation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language.

The rules of the school in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year,

revised, and having been printed, were directed to be furnished to each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several Monthly Meetings; and it is very desirable and important that Committees of Monthly Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school; and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects.

The proposition of the School Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding of meetings for worship in the school-house, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School Committee at their meeting 7th month, 1st, and it was our conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence should after that time, until the Committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend.

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children, and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meeting in Providence. But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle, according to their several capacities, in religious concern, in a meeting for worship composed of many Friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship.

During the last summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the school-house, and other improvements, including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the

facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the school-house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued friend George Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and farther manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the Institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniences of the school.

At our meeting in the second month the Committee came to the conclusion that the Institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient time had been afforded to make that thorough repair and renovation of the house which the convenience, health and comfort of the family require; and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the school for the coming summer term, for a thorough repair and renovation of the school-house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the Meeting for Sufferings for their advice in relation thereto. That meeting advised and consented that the school should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting, for the proposed purposes, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision.

In the mean time a sub-committee has been authorized to proceed with such of the proposed repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We have thought that at the present time it might be interesting and useful to remind Friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a school for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings.

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official information was called for from the subordinate meetings in relation to the state of education among them. The next year, 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a school; and it was recommended to "the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises, adequate to the design and importance of the subject"—"and that it become the care of Friends in future, in all the Meetings, to promote, annually, subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, until the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions unnecessary."

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the Meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time when Friends, in common with others, were laboring under many difficulties and embarrassments, in consequence of the war then exeisting between this country and Great Britain. Nevertheless, in 1782 the Meeting for Sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and useful in the creation."

This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, and from year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed freely of the income of property in its possession. A room in the meeting-house at Portsmouth, R. I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11th month, 1784.

A very judicious code of Rules and Regulations was prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teacher

and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say—"Besides the necessary literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures."

The school appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for re-opening the school was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided step towards its re-establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown, viz:

"Providence, 4th of 5th mo. 1814.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

Dear Friends—As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly brought under my consideration. And believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of truth, I have, for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about forty-three acres, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the Meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establish-

ment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for Sufferings, which may be more generally attended, they can then act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears to you best. As treasurer of the School Fund, I may for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand three hundred dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in in conformity to the mind of Truth, that we may hope for its blessing,

I conclude, your affectionate friend,

MOSES BROWN."

Subscriptions were now renewedly recommended to Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of the School upon a more extended plan and more permanent basis than before, which were so liberally made, that in the sixth month 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, "that the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown."

Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the school was opened the 1st of 1st month, 1819.

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution, the following Friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, viz: Thomas Folsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Wickes, Obadiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green and Abraham Shearman, Jr.

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of Friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings, the procuring of philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we believe much usefulness has been derived to the school.

There are now many improvements and repairs proposed—all very desirable and some absolutely necessary.

If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a subscription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered into with cheerfulness and liberality. We trust there are none among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this institution—and however small may be the contribution, that some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will be acceptable and will place them on the list of those, who, according to their ability, are benefactors to an institution, alike intended for the benefit of all—and the usefulness of which has already been extensively felt within our borders, and which we trust under the blessing of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding generations.

We have had during the past year in the school, the services of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents,—Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens as Teachers in the boys' school, with the addition of John Henry Crossman for the summer, and of William Foster Mitchell for the winter term.

Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls' school, assisted during the winter term by Sarah Alice Cornell.

Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given during the summer term by George Pierce and the winter term by Charles F. Brownell.

Elizabeth Prosser has also, as last year, been engaged as Teacher of Drawing and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction has also been given in the French language.

The average number of scholars has been 89, viz: 48 males and 41 females.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the winter term, have been—

By Superintendent, - -	$15,168 30	
Interest and insurance paid by Treasurer,	159 17	
		$15,327 47
The income from the School Fund,	$6,838 51	
Balance in Treasurer's hands last year,	178 81	
Hired of Manufacturers' Bank, -	2,500 00	
Advanced by the Treasurer, - -	51 85	
		9,569 17
From Board, Tuition and other sources, including balance in Superintendent's hands last year,		6,034 95
		$15,604 12
Leaving unexpended in Superintendents hands,		276 65
		$15,327 47

From income of funds specially appropriated to the purpose, a further sum has been expended on the farm and premises, of $390 00

We recommend that the terms of last year for board and tuition be continued—books and stationery being charged at actual cost, viz :—for members of our Yearly Meeting thirty dollars per term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, fifty dollars per term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted ; five dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and the same charge for French. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee in the ninth and third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

We trust the cause of education, and the religious training of the youth of our society are held in unabated estimation by Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility attaches.

This institution for the guarded education of the youth of our society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has shared so largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will, we trust, continue to be the object of undiminished interest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, 6th month, 1st, 1852.

Our friends, Timothy C. Collins, Charles Atherton, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Newell Hoxie, Moses F. Rogers, Joshua Douglas, Lemuel Jones, Anthony Chase, Smith Battey, Joseph H. Cole, Stephen Jones, Benjamin Fry, Tobias Meader, Joseph Taylor and Alden Sampson, are appointed to propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee, on the part of this Meeting, for the ensuing year.

Our friends, Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles R. Tucker, Jesse Crossman, John E. Fry, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer and William Farr, are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 15th—the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and the answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings. The answer to the first query, which inquires in relation to our faithfulness in the discharge of our duty to Almighty God, by assembling together to worship Him, manifested as in former years, that many were deficient in the due discharge of this indispensable duty, and much exercise was felt in relation thereto. While we are in the enjoyment of the blessings mercifully vouchsafed to us by our Heavenly Father, we may be so ungrateful as to forget Him the only Giver, and in the carelessness or hardness of our hearts we may fail to return thanks unto Him, even at the peril of having His mercy withdrawn from us. The fearfulness of this condition was very sensibly felt and called forth an expression of deep solicitude and solemn warning, that while we are yet in the enjoyment of health, and partakers of the mercies unnumbered that are granted to us, we may be brought to remember that our paramount concern in this present life should be the discharge of our duty to God, even to Him before whom we are soon all to stand, and to render an account for all that we have received at His holy hand. We were reminded of those anciently, who neglected to come up at the appointed time to the feast of tabernacles, that upon them should descend no rain, and that a plague should rest upon their dwellings. While on the other hand, the words of the prophet were revived for our encouragement, "bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will

not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." When we find a neglect in the discharge of this reasonable service of presenting ourselves before God for the purpose of worshipping Him, if we enter into a faithful examination of ourselves, we shall be brought to feel that there is a coldness and indifference with us in regard to things essential to salvation, and that it is an evidence that we have either never witnessed the necessary new birth, or that we have ceased to walk in the regeneration, for those that know the true and saving baptism, so love Christ their Redeemer, that they are ready, and engaged publicly to manifest their allegiance to Him, looking with faith for the verification of His gracious promise, that where we are gathered in His name, there will He be in the midst of us—and in this love and faith, we shall not feel excused from assembling together for His worship, however small may be our numbers, or discouraging the circumstances by which we may be surrounded. Friends were feelingly encouraged to increased diligence in the attendance of our meetings on one of the days of the week which is devoted by the world generally to the pursuit of secular concerns, remembering that a partial sacrifice will not be received by our Father in Heaven, and that His servant of old, would not offer unto Him of that which cost him nothing.

We were persuasively entreated to remember in relation to our duty of attending our mid-week Meetings, that every thing that relates merely to this life is secondary to the duty which we owe to God—all temporal concerns should yield to this paramount concern of waiting upon Him, who is the source of all our blessings. And the examples of dedication of our early Friends were instructively brought before us, when the sacrifices they made in the discharge of this duty, were often those of the spoiling of their goods, the privation of personal liberty, and sometimes, even, the ultimate loss of life. "If ye love the world the love of the Father is not in you." Fearful is the thought that the love of the world may interrupt us in mani-

festing our love of God. That our treasure being on earth, there our hearts are also. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," this is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it, namely, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself:" "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." "They that dwell in God dwell in love," for "God is love," and if we are dwelling in Him we shall love one another —all detraction, all desire to lessen one another, all backbiting, all evil speaking will be done away; we shall be concerned for the preservation and welfare one of another, and with sincere and contrited hearts we shall take our brethren by the hand and bid them God speed in their journey of life. Parents were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in bringing up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, and in the observance of all our Christian testimonies.

The careful maintenance of our discipline in this respect we believe would prove as a hedge about our beloved youth, which would preserve them from many of the snares and temptations incident to their age. An invitation was extended to the young in life to consider, whether, when they have departed from any of our testimonies, it has not tended to deprive them of that true peace which, in moments of favor, they have highly prized. Parents were also earnestly entreated to guard well their children against the reading of pernicious books, which are so abundant at the present day; and all were exhorted to be diligent in the perusal of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. When we remember that in the Holy Scriptures are set forth the way and the means of salvation through a crucified and risen Lord; that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness; that they portray the experience of the servants of God formerly, and His dealings with them; we greatly desire that they may be sacredly valued by us and perused with reverential and prayerful spirits; that their contents may be opened to our understandings, and savingly sealed upon our hearts.

Having proceeded with the Queries to the 4th inclusive, the meeting adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

In the afternoon the meeting assembled at the appointed hour, and proceeded in the further consideration of the state of society by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

It appearing that there continues to be manifest deficiency in the recording of births, deaths and burials, this Meeting encourages Friends to greater care in this respect, and recommends that in each Monthly Meeting there should be an annual appointment not only of a Recorder but of a Committee, selected from each Preparative Meeting, to report births, deaths and burials to the Recorder; and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The following is a summary of the Answers received, viz:

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except in four instances, occasioned by inclement weather. Those on First Days by the most of Friends. Meetings for discipline, and other mid-week meetings, are much neglected by some. The hour nearly observed. Unbecoming behavior generally guarded against, except a few instances of sleeping. Some care taken in these deficiencies.

2d. Love and unity are, in a good measure, maintained by the most of our members, yet not so fully in some instances as queried after. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have arisen.

3d. There is a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation—generally exemplary themselves. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Friends are careful, with a few exceptions, to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine. Care is taken in most cases of deficiency. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort is, in a good measure, avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to in the query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance, are inspected and their necessities relieved; their children freely partake of learning, and Friends' children are generally placed among Friends.

6th. Parents and heads of families are generally careful in regard to proceedings with respect to marriage, yet there are several cases of keeping company and marrying out of the order of Society, in most of which care has been taken.

7th. The several testimonies embraced in this query appear to be maintained.

8th. Friends are careful, with few exceptions, to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Marriages are all recorded. Births, deaths and burials, are not so fully attended to. A few removals without certificates, mostly under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried after, though not always so seasonably as might be best. Careful to place judgment according to discipline.

A proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, that that Meeting in the eighth month should be held at Newport instead of Portsmouth, was, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, united with, and it is decided that the Quarterly Meeting should be so held after the present year, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

It appearing to this Meeting desirable that no two of the Quarterly Meetings within our limits shall be held on the same day, the Representatives to this Meeting are requested to take the subject into consideration, and report their views to a future sitting; and they are also desired to consider the subject of the time of commencing this Meeting and of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and whether advantage would probably result from any change of the day or hour of commencement, and report to a future sitting.

The following proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to a change in our discipline on the subject of marriage, is referred to the serious and weighty consideration of the following Friends, who are desired to report their judgment to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, Perez Peck, Edmund Chase, Estes Newhall, Newell Ordway, Daniel Page, 3d, David Rodman, Lemuel Gifford, William C. Taber, William Penn Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, Nathan Douglas, Lemuel Jones, Jesse Crosman, Caleb Jones, Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, John Milton Earle, Edward Foster, Edmond Cates, Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, Joseph Taber, Benjamin Fry, Tobias Meader, Lindley M. Hoag, Benajah Buffum, Reuben Jones, Alden Sampson, Winslow Hawkes and Allen Wing, viz:

"In the account from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting it is proposed to bring before the Yearly Meeting the subject of altering that portion of our discipline which prohibits a member from marrying a deceased wife's sister, or a deceased husband's brother; which, claiming the attention of this Meeting, it is concluded to carry the proposition to the Yearly Meeting, having the concurrence of our Women's Meeting therein."

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding the Select Quarterly Meeting in the 2d, 5th and 11th months, shall be changed from 11 o'clock in the forenoon to 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day as heretofore, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite; and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

An acceptable and interesting Epistle from our dear Friends of London Yearly Meeting, held the present year, was now received and read, and is referred to the Committee on Correspondence; and the same Committee is requested to propose the name of a Friend for Correspondent of this Meeting, in place of our late beloved Friend George Howland.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day Morning, the 16th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present as heretofore.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were now laid before us and read; and the proceedings of that Meeting on the various important subjects that have claimed its attention were solidly considered, and approved by this Meeting; and Thomas Harkness, Abner Slade, Enoch Page, Joshua Page, Lemuel Gifford, Edmond Gardner, Caleb Jones, Lemuel Jones, Smith Battey, James N. Fry, Edmond Cates, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer, Isaiah Fry, Joseph Taylor and Frederick Swan, are appointed to propose the names of three Friends to supply the places of those who were members of the Meeting for Sufferings that have deceased since the last appointment of that Meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met by adjournment.

It appearing by the Epistles received at this time from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, that they have appointed Committees to unite in conference in the consideration of subjects connected with the general interests of our religious Society, and it being proposed by our friends of New York Yearly Meeting that the Committees should meet at Baltimore on the second second day in the 5th month of next year, this Meeting was introduced into a weighty and solemn consideration of what might be its duty in relation to uniting in this concern. After a season of solid deliberation, and with a full expression of unity with the measure, we have believed it right for us to appoint a Committee to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in conference, should way open for it, in seeking to promote the best interests of our religious Society and the restoration of harmony and unity as they formerly existed among all the Yearly Meetings of Friends; and we appoint our Friends Rowland Greene, Thomas Jones, Allen Wing, David Buffum, Thomas Anthony, Benjamin Fry, Samuel Boyce, Thomas

Grover, Charles Atherton, Joseph Davis, Issac R. Gifford and Edmond Cates, to propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee of Conference.

We appoint our friends William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Abner Slade, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles R. Tucker, George Howland, Jr. William R. Taber, John W. Minot, Elisha Jones, of Windham, Thomas Jones, John Milton Earle, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Joseph H. Cole, Samuel Foster, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Walter Sawyer, Tobias Meader, William Farr, Joseph Taylor and Alden Sampson, to take into consideration our present article of Discipline in relation to Burials, and report to a future sitting, whether in their judgment the best interests of Society will be promoted by any change therein—and propose their views to this meeting.

An Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London held last year, addressed to the different Yearly Meetings on this continent was now read, and its contents were very salutary and edifying to us.

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, united with by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Sophroniah Sage, was read, bringing her very tenderly to our remembrance, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare suitable Minutes for our friends now in attendance of this meeting, and present them to a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 17th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present as at our previous sitting.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, families and individuals as way might open for, presented the following Report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit such of the subordinate Meetings, families and individuals as

way may open for, and to labor for the support of our christian testimonies and discipline, Report:

That from time to time, as members of the committee have felt their minds drawn, as they trust, in gospel love, they have visited each of the Quarterly Meetings, and presented their minute of appointment in all of them but one; several of the Monthly, Preparative and Particular Meetings have also been attended, and in some of them the families of Friends have been visited.

In the course of our several visits, we have thankfully to acknowledge, that we believe the good hand of our heavenly shepherd has been felt to be underneath, to the tendering and contriting of us before Him, enabling us to attend to the servivices as way has opened, to the satisfaction and relief of our own minds.

Our visits have all of them been received by Friends with cordiality and love, and we have reason to hope that strength and encouragement have in many instances resulted.

Our prospect is that some services of the same nature for which we were appointed, yet remain to be attended to.

On behalf of the Committee,

ROWLAND GREENE,
MARY B. FARNUM.

Newport, 6th mo. 16, 1852."

This Meeting continuing to feel a concern in relation to the various important subjects that claimed its attention when the appointment was made last year, does now appoint for similar purposes, our friends Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas Anthony, John Meader, Lemuel Gifford, Edmund Chase, Nathan Douglas, Estes Newhall, Reuben Jones, John Osborne, Thomas Grover, Isaac R. Gifford, Perez Peck, Joseph Davis, James Jones, William R. Taber, Joseph Taylor, Stephen Jones, Isaac Lawrence, Caleb Jones, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A Chase, David Buffum, Allen Wing, John D. Lang, Newell Ordway, Newell Hoxie, Lemuel Jones, Edward Foster, Smith Battey, Edmond Cates, Tobias Meader, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Jon-

athan Dame, Joseph H. Cole, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Benjamin Fry, William Farr, Gilbert Congdon, Daniel Page 3d, Daniel Shepherd, John Macomber, Abraham Winslow, James N. Fry, Obadiah Chace, Moses F. Rogers, William C. Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Joseph Metcalf and Stephen Dillingham, and they are requested to attend to the concern of this Yearly Meeting, visiting in love such meetings, families or individuals as way may open for, and report to this meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.—Mary B. Farnum, Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth Meader, Hannah G. Sawyer, Elizabeth Wing, Eunice Metcalf, Martha Meader, Ruth Sawyer, Ruth Davis, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Elizabeth Page, Lydia Congdon, Ann Elmira Lang, Anna Cates, Susan L. Brown, Phebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Hannah Morrill, Rachel S. Howland, Mary J. Page, Eliza B. Boyce.]

The Committee on the subject of a change of place of holding this Yearly Meeting, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to look after a more central place to hold our Yearly Meeting, now report, that since our appointment we have had a number of meetings of the members generally, and by sub-committee have visited and examined a number of places, and have made some estimates of the probable cost of different locations, and after deliberation thereon, it is our united judgment that Lynn is the most suitable place and that the meetings for worship be held at Salem and Lynn, and those for discipline at Lynn, and that the probable cost of a house. &c. besides the house now belonging to Friends there, may be about six thousand dollars.

In behalf of the Committee,

ROWLAND GREENE,
ELIZABETH WING.

Newport, 6th mo., 1852."

Which is accepted, and the same Committee is continued under appointment to apply to Salem Monthly Meeting, and ascertain what accommodations that Meeting will extend to this

Yearly Meeting, in order for its holding its sessions there, and on what terms—make a definite estimate of what buildings will be required to be erected by this Meeting, and what other arrangements may be necessary and at what cost—also what portion of the expense can be obtained by voluntary subscriptions, and report upon the whole subject to this meeting next year.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity, made the following Report, viz.:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change of the discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in recommending that the provision of the discipline which prohibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother, or a deceased wife's sister, should be rescinded.

For the Committee,

BENJAMIN FRY,
MARY SHOVE.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."

Which is satisfactory, and with the unity of the Women's Meeting, that portion of our Discipline upon this subject, revived in 1830, is hereby repealed. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to our Subordinate Meetings, and they are requested to expunge the article referred to from our Books of Discipline.

The Committee of this Meeting on the subject of Education made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education Report, That from accounts received from 27 Monthly Meetings, there are within their limits Children, from 4 to 16 years of age, 1051; from 16 to 21, 485. Monthly Meeting School, 1; Preparative Meeting School, 1; Family Schools, 7; Friends' Children attending Friends' Schools, 161; Friends' Children attending mixed Schools, 1128. Number of First day Schools in operation the past year, 19. Average continuance, 5½ months. Friends' children attending same, 416. Number of Monthly Meetings from which no account is received, 3.

In addition there are within our limits several schools established and controlled by Friends, whose advantages are extended to some not in religious profession with us. Many mixed schools are also taught by our members. Several meetings of the Committee have been held, and although we cannot report much active service, there continues, we believe, in the minds of many Friends, a lively concern to facilitate in every possible way the religiously guarded literary education of our youth. On recurring to the original Minute of 1846, constituting this Committee, we find that a concern for the religious education of the youth of our Society, is referred to as one *long felt* by the Yearly Meeting. So full evidence on this point has been laid before you at this time, by another committee, that we need not further allude to it than to express our full concurrence with them therein, and in a sense of its intimate connection with the permanent and highest welfare of our religious Society. We fully believe, that in view of its far-reaching influence, few subjects, if any, of greater moment can engage the attention of Friends. Some of our number have attended with satisfaction the semi-annual examination of the Boarding School. In the concern of the School Committee, as expressed in their interesting report to promote *thoroughness* in the elementary branches of study, we feel much unity. We think it also a question well worthy the consideration of Friends, whether something may not be done to encourage our younger members to continue *longer* at this Institution—perhaps by marking out for their pursuit such a regular and comprehensive course of study as might be matured by the School Committee. We are aware that the circumstances of many Friends might, at first view, appear to preclude this course; but we believe that, in proportion as we attain that thoroughness in the education of our youth, which has been recommended by the School Committee, will be our success in infusing the *love* of learning—and this point once gained, we trust that little practical difficulty will be found in pursuing it; and that our Boarding School, at Providence, will present such facilities as to overcome most of the temptations to go beyond our borders for a liberal education.

We have, at this time, recurred with much interest to that portion of the records of the School Committee, which evinces the concern and the labor of Friends, (several of whom have now passed from works to rewards,) at various times, to extend the means of instruction offered to our children at the Yearly

Meeting School, and under the minute of our appointment, we have thought it might be our place to encourage Friends to renewed attention to this subject. We think that a careful view of the actual state of education among us, and especially when we consider its advancement in the community around us, would incite Friends to labor in this direction. We here refer to such an extended education as is calculated better to qualify our members generally for the proper discharge of our various social, civil, and religious duties. The Boarding School has been, and we trust may be increasingly useful in furnishing teachers for our own and for public schools. From the early history of the Institution, this consideration has been regarded as highly important, and we cannot forbear the expression of a hope that such of our junior members as incline to prepare themselves for this vocation, may continue to find at this school the means of qualification equal at least to those about us, and in some degree commensurate with the importance of the subject.

From the information received at this time it appears that the number of Friends' children in the attendance of First Day Schools has consideaably increased during the past year. Ample room however yet remains for the exertions of concerned Friends in this undertaking, and we have desired their encouragement in the establishment of these schools, wherever a sufficient number of children can be collected for the purpose.

In the present condition of many of our members, from their scattered location and limited means, the attendance of their children at mixed schools is perhaps unavoidoble. We believe it a concern of much importance to the welfare of our religious society that parents so circumstanced should feel the great responsibility which rests upon them, and that they may be enabled by a rightly directed moral and religious training of their beloved offspring, to counteract the injurious influence which associations in such schools would be likely to exert upon their minds.

It has been renewed cause of encouragement to the Committee to learn that the daily practice of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures is becoming more general in the families of Friends.

This Committee having been continued from year to year since 1846, we believe that usefulness to the cause will result from a new appointment at this time, should the Yearly Meeting deem it proper again to entrust this concern to a committee.

On behalf of the Committee.

THOMAS S. GIFFORD, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 16, 1852."

—which is interesting and satisfactory, and in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report the Committee is released, and we appoint the following Friends, viz: Stephen Chase, George Bowen, Charles W. Earle, Jonathan Freeborn, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, James Dennis, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Timothy C. Collins, Joseph S. Nichols, David Rodman, John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Samuel Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham R. Wing, George Easton, George W. Francis, Abner Potter, Jr., Abraham Macomber, Adrian Davis, Henry T. Wood, William R. Taber, Henry M. Minot, Rufus Horton, Lemuel Jones, Nathan Douglas, Isaiah Gould, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, Smith Battey, Thomas Grover, Enoch Hoag, Samuel H. Colton, John E. Fry, David Babcock, Joseph H. Cole, Charles Osborne, Robert Goddard, Elijah Winslow, Asa Jones, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer, Joel Bean, Cyrus Beede, Edward G. Hoag, Isaiah Fry, Albert C. Buffum, Moses Winslow, George Richardson, David Douglas, Daniel Shepherd, Alden Sampson and Jacob Pope, to attend to the original concern of this Meeting, to encourage Friends in imparting to their children a guarded education, free, as far as may be, from the contaminating influences of the world, and they are encouraged to attend the semi-annual examinations at the Boarding School, and are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.—Abby Dennis, Elizabeth T. Chase, Dorcas B. Robinson, Mary R. Congdon, Catharine C. Knowles, Phebe C. Reynolds, Sarah Slade, Amanda M. Buffinton, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Pope, Martha S. Hawkes, Ruth J. Challis, Susan L. Brown, Sabina A. Page, Mary J. Page, Elizabeth Dillingham, Rhoda G. Wing, Sarah J. Brown, Mary Shepherd, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Lydia C. Earle, Barbara Gifford, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah M. Easton, Mary Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah A. Earle, Roanna W. Grover, Ann H. Colton, Elizabeth Southwick, Rebecca A. Fry, Sarah C. Fry, Patience B. Winslow, Hannah

W. Meader, Esther Jones, Elmira C. Sutherland, Mary Brackett, Nancy Cartland, Maria Pope, Eunice Day, Lavinia Fry, Phebe Taber, Patience Goddard, Rachel W. Jones, Hannah R. Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Cynthia Buffum, Mary J. Hussey, Abigail C. Beede, Sarah Hoag, Phebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Betsey J. Bailey, Mary F. Bailey, Lydia Shepherd, Sarah W. Partridge.]

The Committee to propose names to be added to the Meeting for Sufferings, present those of George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum and Caleb Jones, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends already under appointment, together with those now added, are constituted a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on the part of this Meeting in its recess, agreeably to the original organization of that Meeting.

The Committee to propose names for a Committee of Conference, propose the following Friends, viz: Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Osborne, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Stephen A. Chase, and Samuel Boyce, which are satisfactory to us, and they are accordingly appointed for the purposes specified in the minute already made upon this subject.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account made the following report, viz:

"The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, and for other purposes, report, that they have attended to the duties of their appointment; have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance due him of four thousand two hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents.

They propose to raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and propose David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee, WILLIAM REYNOLDS.

Newport, 6, 15th, 1852:"

—which is satisfactory, and our Quartely Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions of two thousand dollars to David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Pe-

nobscot and Passamquodda tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting :

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, report :

That we have from time to time given some attention to the objects of our appointment during the past year in which divers subjects connected with their improvement and the future operations of the committee have been considered ; among others, that of educating the children and youth of this interesting portion of the human family, has claimed our serious consideration and has appeared a desirable object to be attended to, so far as way may open for, and in an interview with the proper officers of the government on the subject, we have the assurance of their friendly aid and cordial co-operation in the prosecution of such measures as may best promote the object in view.

We have the satisfaction of informing that a school under the care of a female has been in successful operation among the Penobscots during a portion of last year. By official returns of the agents of the tribes, it appears that their farming operations are again on the increase. Their crops the past year amounting to more than in any former year since the failure of their potato crop.

On behalf the Committee.

STEPHEN JONES.

Newport, 6th mo, 16th, 1852."

—which is satisfactory—and we continue our Committee under appointment with desires for their encouragement in rendering these remnants of the aboriginal inhabitants of our land, such aid, as they may be enabled to afford. And they are authorized to call on the Treasurer of this Meeting for $50 to assist in the continuance of the school referred to in the report, should they find such aid desirable, and report to this meeting next year.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee on the concern of the Indians west of the Mississippi, Report, that they have received donations the past year, amounting to three hundred two dollars, to be applied to the erection of a barn on the school farm, established by Indiana Yearly Meeting, within the borders of the Shawnee tribe, and have forwarded the same to Thomas Wells, superintendent. The account from the school is very encouraging; one or more of the scholars the past year have become members of our Society. The Committee have not received any information from other portions of the tribes, but feel a deep interest in their welfare, and recommend that the concern be continued, and as way may open to render such assistance as they may stand in need of.

For the Committee,

JOHN D. LANG,
SAMUEL TAYLOR, Jr.

Newport, 17th 6th mo. 1852."

—which is satisfactory, and desiring that the interest which has long been felt by this meeting for these people may not abate, we continue our Committee under appointment to attend to such service as way may open for, and report to this meeting next year.

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, informed this meeting that our beloved friend Lindley M. Hoag, has been liberated to visit in the love of the gospel, Friends and others in Norway, and also, if way should open for it, to visit some other parts of Europe, to appoint meetings amongst Friends and others, and to attend to such religious service as may be required of him; and also to attend London and Dublin Yearly Meetings—whereupon we appoint our friends George Howland, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, John D. Lang, John Meader, Perez Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey and John Osborne, to render him any advice and assistance that may be required in the prosecution of his contemplated visit.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, 6th mo. 18th, the meeting again convened according to adjournment. Representatives present, as at first sitting.

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee for the government and superintendence of our Boarding School, made the following report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting :

The Joint Committee of men and women Friends, appointed to consider of and propose to this Meeting the names of suitable friends to constitute a Committee to have charge of the Boarding School at Providence, have united upon the following, viz :

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Lemuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, David K. Aiken, Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodate S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
ABIGAIL M. HANSON:"

—and the names of the Friends proposed being satisfactory to this Meeting, they are appointed accordingly for the ensuing year, and requested to report to our next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to solicit subscriptions for the objects presented in the report of the Boarding School made report, by which it appears that $3,612 have been subscribed by Friends now in attendance of this Yearly Meeting, $109 of which have been collected and placed in the hands of Joseph C. Peckham, to be disposed of as this Meeting may direct. They also presented the subscription papers, all of which are directed to be placed in the hands of our friend Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the School Fund, who is requested to collect the same, and hold it, subject to the order of the School Committee, for the purposes of repairs and improvements of the school property ;

and in order that Friends generally within our Yearly Meeting may have an opportunity of contributing to this object, we appoint the following friends to bring the subject before the families in their different meetings, that all who are so disposed may contribute according to their ability to this desirable object; and we desire that none may feel discouraged because they may not be of ability to render much pecuniary aid, but that they may feel assured that, however small may be the donation, it will be acceptable. And the Committee are requested to proceed with diligence in this work, and communicate the result of their labors at as early a period as practicable to the Treasurer of the School Fund, it being desirable to raise, in the aggregate, $8000, viz: Stephen Chase, David Buffum, Charles W. Earle, Benjamin Greene, Jonathan Freeborn, William Chace, Abner Slade, Joseph C. Peckham, Jacob Metcalf, Abel F. Collins, Timothy C. Collins, Nathan Breed, Joseph S. Nichols, William Rogers, Jr., Josiah D. Challis, John Breed, Daniel Page, 3d, Stephen Dillingham, Joseph Wing, David Kelly, Otis Ellis, Edward P. Little, George Easton, William Hosier, William Tucker, Isaac R. Gifford, John Macomber, John W. Gifford, Charles R. Tucker, Edward W. Howland, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, Joshua Douglas, Jesse Crosman, Oliver Pope, Mark Knight, Abraham Winslow, John Cartland, Richard Battey, John Osborne, Samuel H. Colton, Edward Foster, John E. Fry, Amos W. Collins, Edmond Cates, Joseph H. Cole, Hartwel A. Jenkins, Robert Goddard, Joseph Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy Hanson, Amos D. Purinton, Joel Bean, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Edward G. Hoag, Amos V. Hurd, Allen Wing, Joseph Taylor, Moses Bailey, William Farr, David Douglass and Daniel Shepherd, and they are requested to report to this meeting next year. And the Clerk is directed to furnish a member of the Committee in each Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

[Women's Committee.—Hannah Gould, Jr., Dorcas B. Robinson, Lois J. Greene, Sarah Slade, Mary Ann Collins, Eunice B. Boyce, Ruth J. Challis, Hyrena T. Breed, Ruth H. Baker,

Beulah W. Rogers, Nancy S. Potter, Deborah C. Gifford, Sarah M. Easton, Rhoda Howland, Thisby Andrews, Sarah P. Wheeler, Milley Aldrich, Lydia H. Jones, Esther Jones, Mary Ann Winslow, Emma Robinson, Elizabeth S. Taber, Susannah Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah Morrell, Martha Meader, Phebe Taylor, Eunice W. Farr, Lydia Shepherd.]

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the article of our discipline concering burials, made the following report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of some alteration in our Discipline relative to Burial Grounds—having given their attention thereto, recommend that the second paragraph on page 12th of our present Book of Discipline be rescinded and the following snbstituted.

Being very desirous that Friends should keep a commendable plainness and simplicity in the burial of the dead, as well as in other respects—it is the advice of this meeting that no monuments be set up in our burial grounds near or over the dead bodies of Friends, or others, except a plain stone not to exceed fifteen inches in height above the surface of the ground, on which no inscription shall be made other than the name, date of death and age of the deceased. And it is advised that the several Monthly Meetings take care that in these respects our testimonies be carefully maintained. And also to see that all burial grounds be properly enclosed.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN OSBORNE.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1852".

—which being solidly considered, it is united with, and the article of our Discipline on the subject of Burials, on the 12th page, beginning with the words "and whereas Friends," and ending with the words "are decently enclosed," is, with the unity of the Women's Meeting, hereby repealed, and the paragraph proposed by the Committee is substituted therefor ; and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this article to our several subordinate meetings, and they are requested to cause the same to be inserted in our Books of Discipline.

The Representatives made the following report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting.

Pursuant to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, the Representatives have considered the several subjects referred to them, and they are united in proposing, that our Meeting for Sufferings be requested to consider the subject of making some change in the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings, and communicate their views in relation thereto at our next Yearly Meeting.

In regard to making a change in the day and hour of holding our Yearly Meeting, and our Select Yearly Meeting, they have concluded to recommend that no change be made.

They are also united in judgment that the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting, in the year 1850, respecting providing for Friends in attendance of our Yearly Meeting, from within our own limits, be strictly adhered to in future.

On behalf of the Representatives,

THOMAS ANTHONY.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."

—which is satisfactory—and the Meeting for Sufferings is accordingly requested to give its attention to the consideration of the subject of the times of holding our Quarterly Meetings.

The Committee on Correspondence propose that Stephen A. Chase should be appointed Correspondent of this Meeting, in place of our late dear friend George Howland, which is united with, and he is appointed accordingly.

The Committee to consider the subject of addressing Epistles to our friends of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, made the following Report, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to consider the propriety of addressing epistles to our friends of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, under the circumstance of our not having at this time nor for several of the past years received any testimonial of this kind from them—have very carefully considered the subject.

While we would avoid every appearance of subjecting those Yearly Meetings to any unnecessary trials, or being in any manner a cause of offence to them—we have felt a solicitude that we should so conduct ourselves towards them, as will most effectually manifest our desire, that whatever of distrust or want

of genuine christian unity may remain with any, in those Yearly Meetings towards ours, may be done away, so that, happily, the pure spirit of gospel love, may again abound among us.

The result of our deliberations is, that the desirable ends alluded to, may be best promoted, by again saluting those Yearly Meetings by epistles; we have accordingly prepared essays for that purpose which we herewith submit.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS JONES.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."

—which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the essays of communications to Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, prepared by the Committee, being read and fully united with by this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Daniel Barker, and similar minutes for our friends Harvey Derbyshire, Charles Taber, Seneca Hazard, Edith Griffith, Elizabeth K. Irish and Eliza Brewer, viz:

Our beloved friend Daniel Barker attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Joseph Newlin, and similar minutes for our friends Jonah Sands, and his wife Sarah Sands, Jesse Kenworthy, David Gardner, Paul Southwick, Lydia H. Stanley and Persis Gardner, viz;

Our beloved friend Joseph Newlin, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

A testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting, united with by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Alice Page, was read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

A Testimony of Durham Monthly Monthly Meeting, united with by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Stephen Jones, was read and approved, and it is directed that it be recorded.

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause an edition of the memorials presented to this meeting the present year to be printed and distributed among Friends.

In the Epistle received at this time from our friends of New-York Yearly Meeting, we are informed that they have appointed the following Correspondents, viz ;

Nathan Swift is appointed Correspondent of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, in place of Isaac Thorne, removed out of its limits. Address, Harts Village, Dutchess Co. N. Y.

John F. Gritman is appointed to be Correspondent for Coeman's Monthly Meeting, in place of Hulet Bedell, removed from its limits. Address, Coxsackie, Greene Co. N. Y.

George Congdon is appointed Correspondent for Oswego Monthly Meeting, in place of Stephen Moore, deceased. Address, Arthursburg, Dutchess Co. N. Y.

William Beal was appointed Correspondent for Rollin Monthly Meeting. Address, Rollin, Senawee Co. Michigan.

Our friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting inform us in their Epistle that they have made the following appointment of correspondents, viz :

Joseph Coppock for Union Monthly Meeting, West Branch Quarter, in the place of David Miles who has removed out of the limits of that Meeting. Address, West Milton, Miami County, Ohio.

Barnabas Coffin for Springfield Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, in the place of John Williams who has removed out of the limits of the said Meeting. Address, Economy, Wayne County, Indiana.

Aaron Hadley for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter, in the place of Ashley Johnson who has removed out of the limits of said meeting. Address, Monrovia, Morgan County, Indiana.

David Miles for Wabash Monthly Meeting, in the limits of the Northern Quarter. Address, Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana.

David Wilson for Richland Monthly Meeting, Salem Quarter. Address, Richland, Keokuck County, Iowa.

Archer Jones for Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, in Salem Quarter. Address, Oskaloosa, Mohoska County, Iowa.

John Hunt for New-Berry Monthly Meeting Fairfield Quarter, in the place of Jesse Hunt, deceased. Address, Martinsville, Clinton County, Ohio.

The correspondents for our Yearly Meeting are:

George Carter, Clarksville, Clinton County, Ohio.

Elijah Coffin, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana.

William Hobbs, Spiceland, Henry County, Indiana.

We appoint Adrian Davis correspondent of Westport Monthly Meeting in place of our friend Samuel Slade, deceased.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana, prepared by the Committee on correspondence, were now laid before us and read, and being approved by this Meeting the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Committee to cause to be reprinted the London General Epistle report that the service has been attended to, and the Representatives are requested to take charge of them and distribute them in their several Quarterly Meetings.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of the minutes of this meeting, for the present year, to be printed and forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings to be furnished to the families of Friends.

Having been mercifully favored during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, to witness as we humbly trust, an extension of Divine mercy towards us, and having been brought very near together in love, in which we have been enabled satisfactorily to dispose of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, we now come to a solemn conclusion, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

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